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SUBJECT: W/W DENISE MICHELLE AND DANA MARIE RIBO

REF: STATE 304262, MADRID 10516, STATE 309773

1. MRS. RIBO'S LETTER OF AUGUST 3, 1977 ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYTHING EMBASSY COULD DO TO GET HER CHILDREN BACK HOME. AT THAT TIME, SHE INDICATED SHE UNDERSTOOD HER CHILDREN WERE WITH HER HUSBAND AT THE ADDRESS GIVEN IN STATE FIRST REFTEL. THE EMBASSY, FOLLOWING GUIDELINES IN 8 FAM 241.2, INFORMED HER IT COULD NOT INTERCEDE IN THESE CASES AND RECOMMENDED SHE OBTAIN SERVICES OF LAWYER. IT PROVIDED A LIST OF ATTORNEYS AND NOTED THAT SPANISH COURTS HAVE ON OCCASION SUPPORTED THE RULINGS OF U.S. COURTS IN SUCH CASES.

2. SECOND REFTEL EXPLAINED VISA SITUATION IN SPAIN, POINTING OUT THAT VISAS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR VISITS UP TO SIX MONTHS AND THAT STAYS OF ALMOST INDEFINITE DURATION ARE POSSIBLE. EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING, HOWEVER, TO OBTAIN SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING CHILDREN'S ACTUAL VISA STATUS AS REQUESTED AGAINST POSSIBILITY THAT WHOEVER IS CARING FOR THEM HAS ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN RESIDENCE VISAS. BUT IF, AS IN MOST CASES, GUARDIAN HAS OPTED FOR EASIER ALTERNATIVE OF SIMPLY HAVING RIBOS REMAIN
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AS TOURISTS OR OF MAKING BRIEF DEPARTURE FROM SPAIN AND ENTERING FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS PROSPECT OF ANY OFFICIAL RECORD ON THESE CHILDREN IS SLIM. EMBASSY WILL BE SURE TO NOTIFY DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS GOS RESPONDS TO OUR REQUEST FOR RECORD CHECK. EATON

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